

Griffin Lays Plans to Get Best Results From Team

GRIFFIN IS WORKING FOR STRONG OFFENSE IN LINING UP COLTS

Hopes to Get Jump on Other Teams in League by Getting Every Ounce of Fight Out of Men. Everybody Must Help.

By Gus Malbert. Having practically completed his team from a playing standpoint, Steve Griffin took a day off during the week and after studying the several style sheets, decided upon the sartorial embellishments of his Colts for 1913. He has ordered the uniforms, though the fortunate possessor of the contract is left unmentioned. At home the prospective leaders of the Virginia League will cant on the greensward wrapped in snow white, with here and there a suggestion of black. On the road they will wear a sombre gray, with black also appearing. It took Steve considerable time to finally arrive at this conclusion. Last year it was the boast of Jack Grim that even though he could not lead the league in the percentage column, he would give somebody an awful chase to beat him to it when it came to a question of style. Steve is strong for the style argument himself and he is going to dress the men on his payroll as becomes the men who are to win a pennant.

His New Line of Attack. Just at present Griff is working on a novel line of attack, which he believes will prove something of a surprise to the other members of the league. Confidently Steve is strong for unified play. He is a great believer in having the battle all planned before the attack begins. Baseball, inside baseball, says Griff, is just outguessing the other fellow; making him think that you don't know what he is going to do, when you are really wise to every move he will make. Added to this must be ability to do things when the other fellow thinks you "ain't."

As we have told on several occasions Steve is not after a club which will hit beyond the coveted .300 mark next season. Heretofore most of the managers in the local field have gone out after men who could slam the ball all over the lot, but who were woefully lacking in consistency. Take for instance the club which Jimmie Sullivan brought here and which caused considerable trouble. For more than half the season the men were pounding the pill for immense averages, but when the total result was figured it was found that the other fellow was scoring the runs.

Griffin came here at the end of that season. George Cowan was given nominal charge of the team. Naturally the case was hopeless that late in the season and things drifted along, the club finishing a poor fourth. That was in 1911. Griff then and there decided that something more than stickers was needed on a pennant-winning club. He tried to get the desired result last season, but untoward circumstances kept him from accomplishing all that he started out to do.

Will Have an Average Club. The coming season he will start with a ball club which should hit about .270. He will have speed and he will have sense, a combination from which almost anything can be made. Defensively the team will be about the best Richmond has had in years, provided, of course, the pitchers measure up to expectations. Now, then, Steve is working on his attack. Feeling sure that the opposition will have to earn every run scored, he is not bothering from that standpoint, but is putting his energy into finding a way for his club to score.

It is practically certain that Tennant, if he comes back, will be the leadoff man. Bob is fast and his speed counts when it comes to getting on. Following Tennant will probably be Doc Newton, whose experience, coupled with his ability, is almost certain to advance the man on the bag. Arthur Smith, should he be with us, and report says that he will, is to be the third man on the list. Arthur's sticking will always keep him close to the .300 mark and, with a man on second, he will be dangerous to any flinger who is willing to take a chance and let him hit. Should he hit, the run is scored, and should he get a walk, that will be two on, with the cleanup man following.

Steve Cleanup Man. Steve is the logical cleanup individual. The fact that he led the league last season makes him immensely valuable in this place and practically assures a score if there is anybody on when he comes up. Following Steve, John Raley will be placed. Those who followed Raley last season and watched his work, even though he was suffering from appendicitis practically all of the year, realize what he should be now that he is well. Bresnahan will be sixth and as this lad can hit, he will give Charles, in seventh place, something to work on. Of the battery, the

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RED WALKER IS HITTING AGAIN

Former Washington Outfielder Regains Batting Eye on Coast and Will "Come Back."

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., January 25.—Newspaper clippings and private letters to relatives here reveal that the young men have gone from the South to try their luck in the Pacific Coast leagues that have been so successful as Clarence (Red) Walker, recently of the Washington Americans. He has recently "cracked" in a handsome touring car through portions of California. In one game last week, as shown by a San Diego

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BRISTOL'S TEAM COSTS REAL MONEY

Appalachian League Champions Put Backers in Hole Nearly \$1,200.

Lynchburg, Va., January 25.—The financial statement issued several days ago by the association backing the Bristol team in the Appalachian League, which won the pennant last season, dispels the idea that Bristol was playing a cheap team and makes it much easier to understand why the Appalachian champions were able to wallop the life out of Roanoke, the Virginia League champions, in a post season series of games. Instead of being a cheaper outfit Bristol's team probably cost more money a month than did Roanoke, despite the fact that the Appalachian provided for a salary limit something

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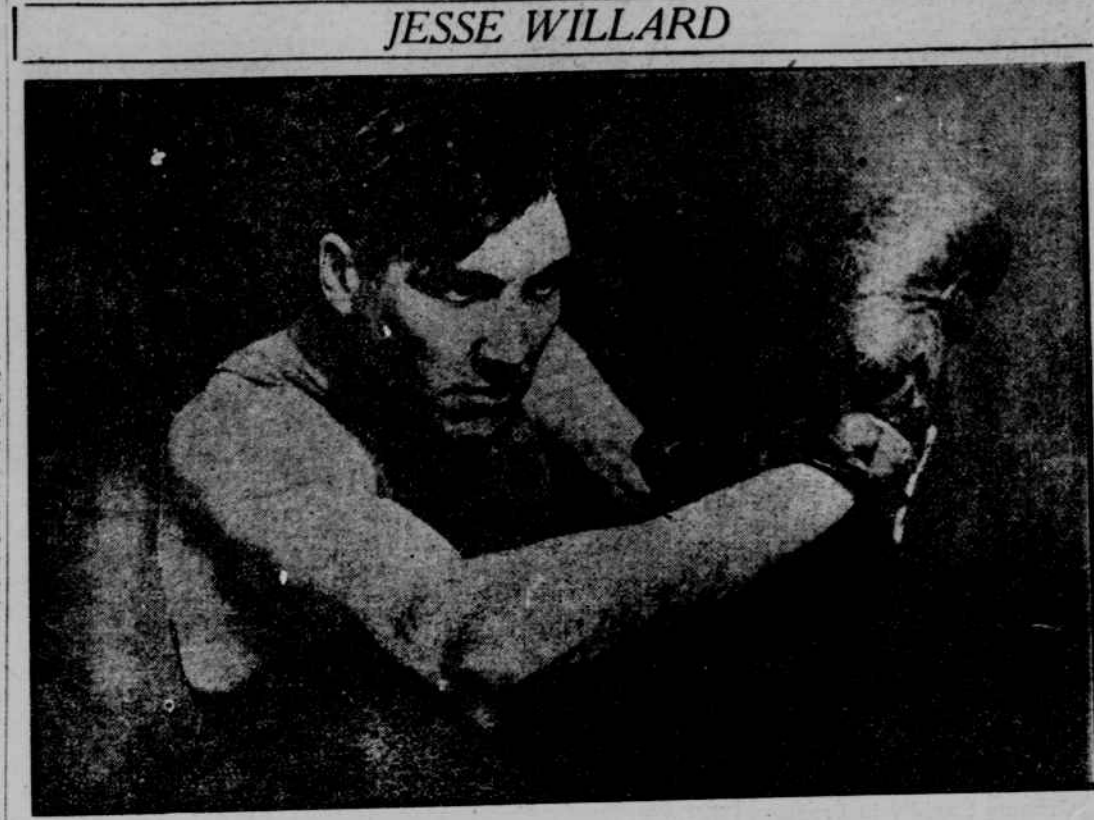
SPIDERS LOSE TO YELLOW JACKETS

Ashland, Va., January 25.—The Yellow Jackets gained victory in the first of the championship games by the overwhelming score of 10 to 3. When the game started it looked as though it would be a close contest, as neither side scored for the first three minutes, and then it was the Spiders that drew first blood, when Tillery shot goal from a difficult angle. After that the Spiders hardly got a show. For the Yellow Jackets captured the minutes Captain Milligan captured the first one for the Yellow Jackets. This seemed to put life into the home team, and they shot two or three in quick succession, until Brown got his leg hurt, which delayed the game a short time. In the first half the Spiders scored only two field goals and two fouls.

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AMERICA TO TRY TO GET BACK CUP

The English motor boat Maple Leaf IV, last summer won the British International trophy, defeating the Anklon, Drep, Baby Reliance II, and Baby Reliance III, at Huntington. The Motorboat Club of America at once challenged for a race this year, and will send three fast boats to race in the Solent against the British defenders. France has challenged, and it is expected that other countries will be represented in this international contest. The trophy is emblematic of the championship of the world. The Maple Leaf IV, was not at her best while in these waters, owing to a broken rudder, but she was fast enough to defeat the defenders. After returning to home waters, the Maple Leaf IV was repaired, and in six runs over the measured mile course averaged better than forty-six nautical or fifty-three statute miles an hour. This is the mark that American yachtsmen have to aim for to be successful in the coming race.



Claimant for heavyweight pugilistic title, who hopes to meet Luther McCarty in New York City shortly.

COMMISSION TO MEET THURSDAY

Amateur Baseball Magnates Have Busy Session Before Them at Gathering.

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

Many Changes Suggested, Including Recommendation for Four Club Leagues.

The Amateur Baseball Commission will meet Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock in the office of the sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch. President J. H. Hill, who issues the call, makes a special request that the members of the commission be on hand promptly. He argues, and very properly, that much time has been lost heretofore through tardiness on the part of the commissioners. The set hour is always regarded as an approximate and not a definite appointment. Many of the members drift into the meeting late, and, as a result, even though some work has been accomplished, it must be done over again so that the late comers may familiarize themselves with what has happened. President Hill requests that, realizing this waste of time, everybody be on hand promptly. It will require less than an hour to do the work.

One of the things which the commission will act upon will be the report of the rules committee, which recently held a meeting. While the number of changes recommended are limited, several are of vast importance. One of the recommendations of the committee is that all leagues, as far as possible,

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RICHMOND WILL HAVE MANY TEAMS AT BOWLING MEET

Local Timber Smashers Take Kindly to Interscity Series of Games.

With seven five-man teams already organized in Richmond to take part in the interscity bowling tournament to be held in Washington beginning February 10, and with two teams coming from Petersburg, Virginia and the cities directly interested will be well represented. Knowing the ability of the men who will enter from Richmond and Petersburg, those close to bowling affairs in the three cities taking part—Baltimore, Washington and Richmond—freely assert that the name of one of the Richmond teams will be found close to the top when the finish comes.

Bowling enthusiasts here are anxious to get the tournament in 1914 for Richmond. Their success will depend largely upon the showing made by Richmond this year. The Interscity tourney, it is hoped, will take the place of the National Bowling Association. This organization, which has gradually lessened in power and influence and is now practically out of existence, usually looked after bowling interests in the East, while the American Bowling Congress did the same thing in the West. The interscity tourney, while starting as a three-city affair, will grow, say the men who know and will eventually take in all of the larger cities in this section of the country, affiliating with the American Bowling Congress.

Branch in East. The distance to be traveled and the consequent loss of time from business, offers a practical inhibition, so far as Eastern bowlers taking part in the A. B. C. tourney is concerned. Therefore, it is essential that a branch of that organization be established in the East. This will be the aim of the interscity tourney. Entry blanks for the Washington meet are here. They may be had from President Sam Williams, of the Richmond Bowling Association, or from the Newport or Palace bowling alleys. Naturally, the greater number of men taking part from Richmond, the greater Richmond's chances of securing the next tournament. The distance is not great, the cost small, and all bowlers from Richmond and Petersburg will be allowed to roll on one night, necessitating the loss of but a few hours.

Here is a chance to do something real to advance Richmond's stand in the bowling world. Entries close on February 3, so it is the duty of all who would help to fill the blanks promptly and send them in. It is an opportunity which doesn't come often, and Richmond will be judged by the manner in which her bowling enthusiasts avail themselves of this opportunity.

Y. M. C. A. Athletics.

Some excellent records were made by the contestants in the indoor meet held in the gymnasium last night. T. J. Reddin secured four first places, and won the meet with a total of 20 points. E. J. Fowler was second, with 10 1-2 points; G. P. Heubi third, with 6 1-2 points, and C. W. Kahn and E. A. Sullivan tied for fourth, with 5 1-2 points.

Summary. Twenty-yard dash—Final heat won by Reddin; second, C. W. Kahn; third, E. A. Sullivan.

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Eastern Wins Game.

Manassas, Va., January 25.—Line-up and summary, Eastern against Fredericksburg. Position. Fredericksburg. McDovitt, right forward. Rawlings, Kibler, left forward. Saceray, Rittenour, centre. Cole, Russell, right guard. Sale, Hooker, left guard. Rolins. Goals from floor—Rittenour, 3; McDovitt, 1; Kibler, Rawlings, Saceray and Rolins, 1. Free tosses—McDevitt, 2; Rawlings, 2. Referee, Mr. Johnson. Time of halves, twenty minutes. McDovitt, Eastern's mainstay for a year or more, has signed up with the Brooklyn Nationals League club and will report for duty May 1.

CABARET SHOW NOW ARRANGED

Automobile Exhibition Here Will Be Given Send-Off by New Entertainment.

SIXTEEN ARE ENGAGED

Best Talent in New York Selected—Decorator Promises Splendid Results.

Featuring Richmond's first automobile show will be a cabaret entertainment. Sixteen of the very best artists New York can afford have been engaged to furnish amusement to the visitors to the exhibition, which will be held here February 17-22.

Messrs. Blenner, Foster, Alpert and Manager T. B. Hutchison, saw this double octette of specialists at work and at once came to the conclusion that they were good enough for Richmond. Of course, it is going to cost money, but the men behind the local show are in the field first to make the show a success. They will count the cost afterwards.

There will be singing and dancing and other features too numerous to mention. The troupe of entertainers were first seen at the Martinique Hotel and created such an impression that they as individuals and as an organization have been flooded with offers. The local committee got busy and got the manager's name to a contract before anybody else knew what was going on. But this will be just one of the attractions offered.

Decorator Visits Here.

Decorator Seidwitz, who will furnish

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SCHENCK COACH FOR BENEDICTINE

Will Have Charge of Track Team and Probably Baseball—Prospects Bright.

Prospects are very bright at Benedictine for track and baseball. George Schenck, of the Medical College of Virginia, has been engaged to coach the track team, and under his care Benedictine should give a good account of itself in the Blues-Richmond College meet, to be held within the next month or so.

Some twelve or fifteen men are out for the track, and Coach Schenck thinks he has some good material in this squad.

The outlook for a good baseball team is most encouraging, as all of last year's men are back at school, and this with the addition of new men, will make a lively fight for position on the team of this year.

Benedictine is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Schenck for track work, and very probably he will coach the baseball team.

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HOWITZERS WIN PRACTICE GAME

In a fast practice game, the strong Howitzers quipped defeated the lighter team of the Church Civic Association, at the armory last night. The artillery men were very accurate in passing the ball and goal shooting. Bell at forward, caging eight, while Lawrence at centre caged nine. The whole team played together as one machine, the C. C. A. boys breaking in occasionally and spoiling some pretty passing. Patterson, their guard, doing some star work. The Howitzers have a fine record so far this season, having played eight games and lost only two, those being by very narrow margins. The record: November 24, Howitzers 18, Howitzers 12.

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THORPE PLAYED WITH ROCKY MOUNT TEAM DURING TWO SEASONS

Almost Conclusive Proof That Olympic Star Has Been Professional Ball Player—A. A. U. Will Start Investigation at Once—Cancels Date.

THORPE WILL BE PROTESTED

NEW YORK, JANUARY 25.—JAMES THORPE, THE CARLISLE INDIAN ALL-ROUND OLYMPIC CHAMPION, WHOSE AMATEUR STATUS IS QUESTIONED, CANCELED A DATE TO APPEAR IN THE FORDHAM UNIVERSITY GAMES HERE TO-NIGHT, AND JAMES E. SULLIVAN, SECRETARY OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION, SAID THIS EVENING THAT IF THE INDIAN APPEARS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PASTIME ATHLETIC CLUB GAMES HERE NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT, IN WHICH HE IS ENTERED IN TWO OR THREE EVENTS, HE WILL BE PROTESTED.

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN DECLARED WITH DEFINITENESS THAT THE CARLISLE ATHLETE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE WINSTON-SALEM BASEBALL TEAM OF THE CAROLINA ASSOCIATION, AS RECENTLY CHARGED, THE IDENTITY OF A PLAYER NAMED THORPE WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE ROCKY MOUNT TEAM OF THE EASTERN CAROLINA LEAGUE IN 1909 AND 1910 IS UNDER INVESTIGATION, AS IS THAT OF A THORPE, WHO PLAYED WITH THE FAYETTEVILLE TEAM OF THE SAME LEAGUE IN 1910.

Rocky Mount, N. C., January 25.—If playing summer baseball in an organized circuit under national protection makes an amateur college athlete a professional it is safe to say that James Thorpe, the great Carlisle athlete, and in fact the greatest athlete in the world, is a professional and will lose the many triumphs he won in the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, last summer. The great Indian athlete was for two years a member of the Rocky Mount baseball club, in the Eastern Carolina League, and while during his early days with this baseball organization he evidenced little real baseball ability, he soon took to the game and before mid-season of 1909 he had been pulled from the outfield position and was playing first base like a veteran, and near the end of the season Manager Phelan, noting his whip to third like an arrow from a bow, pulled him to the mound in Raleigh on one occasion after the rest of his mainstays had been pounded unmercifully, and the discovery was made that "Big Chief" Thorpe, the Indian, was a pitcher.



Kept on Reserve List. Among the few men kept on the Rocky Mount reserve list for the club in 1910 was James Thorpe, who, in the spring of that year, reported as one of the twirlers of the Railroaders, and gave good service in the early days of that season, though much dissipation told greatly on his record and he was finally traded to the Fayetteville team.

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CHANGE LEADS TO DATE HE IS HIGHEST PAID MAN IN ORGANIZED BASEBALL

To Date He Is Highest Paid Man in Organized Baseball.

New York, January 25.—Who's going to capture first place in the baseball salary league? That question appears to be the dominant one just now. The other day when Frank Farrell engaged Frank Chance as manager of the Yankees at \$20,000 the betting problem seemed to have been solved. But the irrepressible "Charlie" Murphy, of the Cubs, has put his refund figure on the baseball horizon as a disputant of the Chance assertion. Murphy says that "Johnny" Evers is going to be the king-pin salary artist. "Little Johnny" is going to get so much money that Murphy doesn't really like to tell any one just what the amount is. Only one string is tied to Evers's annual stipend, that is, the Cubs must

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HEAVY GOING IS CAUSE OF SPILLS

But No One Is Hurt in Weekly Hunt of Deep Run Hounds.

Notwithstanding heavy clouds and every indication of rain, a good field turned out to the hunt of the Deep Run hounds yesterday afternoon. It was a fine run, and in addition to the riders many motored out to see the hunt start.

Miss Emily Kenny, of Baltimore, was the guest of the club, and rode Dr. White's Iron Prince. Miss Kenny is a bold and fearless rider, and is recognized as one of the most accomplished horsewomen of the Elkridge and Greenupping Valley Hunt.

The other women riding were Miss Fanny Crenshaw and Miss Fredrica Campbell.

The recent rain caused the going to be heavy in places, but there were only two falls. Messrs. Sydney and Harris

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CARTMELL WILL NOT TAKE TRIP

Chapel Hill, N. C., January 25.—Not Cartmell, Carolina's athletic advisor, on reading the story appearing in The Times-Dispatch, bearing a Philadelphia date line to-day, stating that he would take a trip around the world, stoutly denied the least scintilla of truth in such a report. Cartmell pronounced the whole story as faked, and manifested at the success with which some Philadelphia newspaper man "can get away" with such faked stories repeatedly. Cartmell further emphasized his intention of remaining with Carolina during 1913, and plans contrary to such arrangements have not been set on foot by him.

4,000 BOWLERS FOR A. B. C. TOURNEY

Toledo, O., January 25.—Preparations are being completed rapidly for the national tournament of the American Bowling Congress to be held in the Toledo Terminal Auditorium February 22 to March 12. The most expert bowlers of the country will be here, and 4,000 of them will be Toledo visitors during the three weeks of the tournament, which is looming in such magnitude that official cognizance of the sport has been taken by the Congress Club. Immediately after the close of the coming auto show, January 28, the big exposition building will be rehabilitated for the ten pin event, which is expected to be the biggest in the history of the national organization. Posters, bulletins and entry blanks

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